



The Cog

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Call to Order

President-Elect Linda Vogel called the meeting to order. Kevin Lawler offered the invocation, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Ellen Hunter led us in a rousing rendition of the song, "If You're Happy and You Know It." Our guests included Steve Koenig from the New Bremen-New Knoxville Club, Memorial High School's AD Joe Bline and the state champion girls bowling team.

Happy Dollars

Marty Dodrill was happy for our Brazilian Rotary friends now that Brazil is the fourth largest economy in the world, Karl Dammeyer for Tami Sanford having only 2 weeks of taxes left, and for being in Costa Rico, Paige Canfield for her baby getting his drivers license and her son getting a job, Kraig Noble to announce the primary debate for mayor to be held

April 26 and for the sister city banquet April 29, Mike Makley for his twin grandchildren, Sue Pittman for the Business Person's Breakfast coming up at the library, Heidi Meade for the Hospice event April 9 (she was wearing a hat) and for the Arts Place Progressive April 16., Tanya Temple for being back at Rotary and for the Hospice event, Kevin Lawler for still being in the March Madness pool, and Don Hinckley for good news from the doctor.

Fines

Rick Gerdeman pinch hit for the fines today. He credited Ellen for a great song but fined Scott Ross, and anyone who is not going to the Hospice event, who did not go to the state bowling tournament, who is not going to Red's opening day, or who is not in a fantasy baseball league.

Announcements

The 2011 District Conference will be in Columbus on April 29, 30, and May 1, 2011. District Governor Dayne encourages everyone to "Lasso your partner for the big Rotary Roundup."

Administrative Professionals Day will be April 27. Our speaker will be Bob Lammers giving a program entitled "Chocolate, Chocolate, Chocolate."

Program

PE Linda introduced today's speaker, Carl Keysor. Carl is the varsity coach for Memorial High School's girls bowling team. Our girls won the 2011 OSHAA state championship. Team members Kristen Dammeyer, Jennifer Bowersock, Erica Keysor, Stefanie Lowry, Emily Walter and Alison Anselman all came with the coach

today for the program. Carl grew up in Wapak with a passion for bowling and when he moved to St. Marys in 1992 he played over here. Varsity Lanes was a center for the kids in St. Marys and let them play a different sport.



The team started as a club sport in 1999 and was not really sanctioned by the school. In 2005, Carl went to the school board and with the board's support it became an official varsity sport. Carl thanked Ken Baker and Mike Makley for their early support and Mary Riepenhoff and Joe Bline for continuing that support. Carl also recognized Scott Ross (the best bowler in St. Marys) as the boys' coach and Karl Dammeyer as the girls JV coach.

Bowling is the fastest growing high school sport in the county. It is a lifelong sport that can be enjoyed by all ages. Currently there are 349 schools in Ohio with teams, most of them girls' teams. There is only one division in Ohio, which makes it even harder to win the tournament.

The current team has been working on bowling since they were junior bowlers in the 3rd and 4th grade. Last year the team was 21-1. The season is 16 weeks of practice three to four nights a week and matches every Saturday.

They had a tough tournament, losing electricity on the first day. They came from behind to win enough matches to make it into the finals. They ended up in a tie after bowling more than 3000 pins. Erica bowled the two frame tie break and won it for St. Marys. They met Coldwater, to whom they had lost before, and beat them. They beat Hubbard in the finals in four games.

Carl expects to be competitive again next year. They practice on an evenly oiled lane, which forces the bowlers to throw honestly, without much help from the lane.

Queen of Hearts

Mike Makley won the drawing, but not the Queen.

Upcoming Programs

4/6 Jeff Squire – Pakistan
4/13 Otterbein Life Enrichment
4/20 Krogers
4/27 Admin. Prof. Day

Upcoming Greeters

4/6 Kenton Strickland
4/13 Darwin Zeigler

**Please note: All Rotarians scheduled to greet, please be in place by 11:30 a.m.*

The meeting was adjourned following the recitation of the Four Way Test of the Things We Think, Say or Do:

1. Is it the TRUTH?
2. Is it FAIR to all concerned?
3. Will it build GOODWILL and BETTER FRIENDSHIPS?
4. Will it be BENEFICIAL to all concerned?